

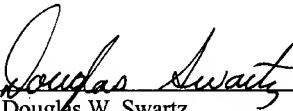
REMARKS

Applicant has amended Claims 53-55 in manner that is unrelated to patentability and that does not narrow the scope of the claim. Applicant has further added new claims 56-103, which Applicant submits are allowable over the prior art.

Based upon the foregoing, Applicants believe that all pending claims are in condition for allowance and such disposition is respectfully requested. In the event that a telephone conversation would further prosecution and/or expedite allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned.

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

Claims 53-55 have been amended as follows:

53. (Once Amended) A method for [sealing a joint between adjacent perimeter framing members from] inhibiting passage of terrestrial fluids from an exterior environment into a plurality of drainage holes in a first perimeter framing member, comprising:

5 providing first and second perimeter framing members holding first and second panels, respectively, one of the first and second perimeter framing members comprising a plurality of drainage holes, the plurality of drainage holes being in fluid communication with a gutter located in an interior region behind the first and second panels and the first and second perimeter framing members, wherein the gutter collects and provides to the drainage holes moisture located in the interior region;

10 passing a terrestrial fluid at a first velocity through a gap between a capillary break on at least one of the first [perimeter framing members] and second perimeter framing members and an opposing surface of the other of the at least one of the first and second perimeter framing members;

15 passing the terrestrial fluid at a [second]lower, second velocity [that is lower than the second velocity] in[to] a circulating chamber defined by a rear surface of the capillary break and walls of the first and second perimeter framing members;

collecting the terrestrial fluid in the circulating chamber; and

20 passing the collected terrestrial fluid through the gap [and inlet portion] and into the terrestrial environment.

54. (Once Amended) The method of claim 53, further comprising:

passing the terrestrial fluid at an input velocity through an inlet portion of a recess formed by the [adjacent]first and second perimeter framing members and a front surface of the capillary break and wherein the first velocity is more than the input velocity.

55. (Once Amended) The method of claim 54, wherein a lower surface of the [circulatory]circulating chamber slopes downwardly in the direction of the inlet portion and wherein an adjacent edge of a nearest drainage hole is at least about 0.75 inches from the rear surface of the capillary break.